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SUBJ: SMALL DROUGHT EMERGENCY PROJECTS

FOR AID AND STATE ATTENTION

1. THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALL SELF-HELP-TYPE PROJECTS FOR WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO GET STEPS OR DROUGHT RECOVERY PHASE FUNDING AT ONCE. THESE PROJECTS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE START SO THAT ENOUGH WORK CAN BE DONE BEFORE NEXT RAINY SEASON TO MAXIMIZE PAY-OFF. WORK ON THIS TYPE PROJECT STOPS WHEN RAINS BEGIN, USUALLY IN MAY, BECAUSE PEASANTS BEGIN WORKING THEIR FIELDS. HENCE EACH MONTH'S OR WEEK'S DELAY MEANS PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION IN AMOUNT COMPLETED BEFORE NEXT PLANTING SEASON. PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED WITH FEI TEAM, BUT ONLY TWO LARGEST WERE INCLUDED IN LIST RECOMMENDED BY TEAM, RE OTHERS, FEI TEAM WAS AFTER BIGGER GAME.

2. PROJECTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CRS REFORESTATION PROJECT. TREE NURSERIES PLUS 138 SUBPROJECTS WHICH WILL IN THEMSELVES REFOREST TOTAL 240 HECTARES. SUBPROJECTS ARE AT VILLAGE LEVEL, SUPERVISED EITHER BY PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OR BY RURAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES. TREES WILL SERVE FOR SOIL CON-

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SERVATION AND PRODUCTION OF WOOD AND FRUIT, AND EDUCA-

TIONAL LINK WILL SEEK ENCOURAGE EXTENSION OF REFORESTATION ACTIVITIES THUS STARTED. REQUEST DOLS 30,270 FOR FENCING AND BUCKETS; ALL OTHER INPUTS (VALUED AT ADDITIONAL DOLS 41,730) WILL BE PROVIDED BY LOCAL SOURCES.

B. CRS WELLS PROJECT. 48 HAND-DUG WELLS TO SUPPORT GARDENS, FRUIT TREE NURSERIES, SCHOOLS, ETC. "TOOL BANK" WILL BE CREATED TO PROVIDE TWENTY SETS OF TOOLS WHICH CAN BE LENT TO INDIVIDUAL SUB-PROJECTS IN TURN. FUNDING REQUESTED DOLS 35,353 FOR CEMENT, TOOLS, STEEL RODS AND WIRE; LOCAL SOURCES PROVIDING EQUIVALENT OF DOLS 13,000.

C. CRS EARTHEN DAM REPAIR, CONSTRUCTION, AND EXPLOITATION. THIS PROJECT IS ON FEI TEAM TENTATIVE PROJECT LIST (OUAGA 2187 PARA 9A) FOR DOLS 340,000. AID FUNDING WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIVATE FUNDING ALREADY ACQUIRED BY CRS/NY. HOWEVER, UNTIL AID FUNDS -- OR AT LEAST FIRST TRANCHE -- ARE MADE AVAILABLE, PROJECT CANNOT START AND CRS IS BLOCKED FROM USING PRIVATE FUNDS ALREADY AVAILABLE. COULD AID/W OBLIGATE DOLS 133,000 NOW SO THAT PRIMARY EQUIPMENT (DUMP TRUCK, BULLDOZER, ROLLER, TAMPER) COULD BE ORDERED IN USA AND SHIPPED?

D. SELF-HELP ANIMAL TRACTION, KOUPELA ORD (REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION). THIS IS INCLUDED IN ITEM 9C (DOLS 350,000) ON FEI TEAM PROJECT LIST. AT LEAST PART OF EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE ORDERED SOONEST IN ORDER ENSURE ARRIVAL IN TIME FOR NEXT PLANTING SEASON. REQUEST DOLS 60,000 FOR FIRST TRANCHE FOR DOUELA.

E. SELF-HELP DEMONSTRATION ANIMAL TRACTION AND ADULT EDUCATION, OUAGADOUGOU ORD. TWENTY SETS OF EQUIPMENT TO DEMONSTRATE METHODS AND BENEFITS OF PLOWING WITH OXEN (INSTEAD OF CULTIVATION BY HOE), AND MINIMAL EQUIPMENT FOR TWENTY FUNCTIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS. ANIMAL TRACTION -- INTRODUCTION OF THE PLOW -- IS REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE WHICH HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO LEAD TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DOUBLING OF FARMERS' INCOME. COST DOLS 5,510.

F. FOUR-C CLUBS (FOUR-H TYPE ACTIVITY) IN BOBO-DIOULASSO AND KOUPELA ORD'S. FUNDING REQUESTED FOR DRAFT ANIMALS, TOOLS, PLOWS, OTHER MATERIALS. CLUB PLOTS WOULD BE INTENSIVELY FARMED BY MEMBERS, UNDER SUPERVISION OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AGENTS, RESULTING IN PRODUCTION OF CROPS AND WIDER KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD METHODS. SOME

REFORESTATION ALSO. DEMONSTRATION PIGGERY INCLUDED  
IN KOUPELA. TOTAL REQUESTED DOLS 33,500.EASUM

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